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POLICING & POLICY

Scotland Yard To Use Drone To Help Catch Dangerous Drivers

The Daily Mail (UK) (7/8) reports, "Police are to use a drone to catch speeding motorists for the first time this month – but the Met insists it will only target the most dangerous drivers." Scotland Yard "is trialling the use of the technology to help catch dangerous, careless and speeding drivers in a landmark initiative which is the first of its kind in the UK." The device "will be used as an eye in the sky to alert officers on the ground to reckless drivers on some of London's busiest roads." According to the Daily Mail, "The drone, which also has night vision capability, will be used on main roads such as the A10 in Enfield where eight people have been killed in the past two years – many in speeding-related accidents." Officers "stress that the drone will be focused on capturing dangerous drivers who are putting lives at risk rather than targeting those who are travelling a few miles per hour over the limit."

Detroit Surveillance Camera System Faces New Scrutiny From Residents

The New York Times (7/8, A1, Harmon) examines Detroit's use of surveillance cameras at thousands of locations around the city, which the Times calls "the opposite of covert. A flashing green light marks each participating location, and the point of the popular initiative, known as Project Green Light, has been for the cameras to be noticed and help deter crime." But recently, "a public outcry has erupted over a less-touted tool employed in conjunction with the cameras: software that can, in a matter of seconds, suggest the identities of the anonymous people captured on video." The use of facial recognition software has alarmed residents, and in a city "whose share of black residents is larger than any other sizable American city, it is a racial disparity in the performance of facial recognition technology that is a primary source of consternation."

Federal Authorities Using State Driver's License Photos For Facial-Recognition Searches

The Washington Post (7/7, Harwell) reports, "Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Immigration and Customs Enforcement have turned state driver's license databases into a facial-recognition gold mine, scanning through millions of Americans' photos without their knowledge or consent, newly released documents show." According to the Post, "Thousands of facial-recognition requests, internal documents and emails over the past five years, obtained through public-records requests by researchers with Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy and Technology and provided to The Washington Post, reveal that federal investigators have turned state departments of motor vehicles databases into the bedrock of an unprecedented surveillance infrastructure." The Post adds, "Police have long had access to fingerprints, DNA and other 'biometric data' taken from criminal suspects," but "the DMV records contain the photos of a vast majority of a state's residents, most of whom have never been charged with a crime."

UK Court Rules Police Use Of Child Spies In Criminal Gangs Is Lawful

The Guardian (UK) (7/8, Bowcott) reports, "Police recruitment and use of child spies to penetrate 'county lines' drug gangs

and other criminal or terrorist organisations is lawful, the high court has ruled." According to the Guardian, "Rejecting calls for extra safeguards when handling underage informants, Mr Justice Supperstone acknowledged they were more vulnerable than adults but dismissed claims that their human rights were being breached." The Guardian adds, "The case was brought by the charity Just For Kids Law which argued that regulations governing recruiting and deploying children as covert human intelligence sources (CHIS) do not contain 'adequate safeguards,'" but "Supperstone concluded that the scheme was lawful," saying, "In my judgment, there is no unacceptable risk of breach of the … rights of a juvenile CHIS inherent in the scheme. I reject the claimant's contention that the scheme is inadequate in its safeguarding of the interests and welfare of juvenile CHIS."

Virginia Senate Majority Leader Offers Gun Control Bill

The Washington Post (7/8, Schneider, Vozzella) reports that as Virginia lawmakers head to Richmond Tuesday for a special legislative session on gun control, Senate Majority Leader Thomas Norment Jr. "has opened the door to one type of gun restriction." In a move that "caught GOP colleagues off guard," Norment has "proposed a bill that would ban firearms from local government buildings around the state and make any violation a felony." Norment's bill "goes further than a similar measure proposed by a Republican delegate." The Post says the measures "are the strongest signs that some GOP lawmakers might support at least one priority set by Gov. Ralph Northam (D) when he called the General Assembly back to work."

Delafield, Wisconsin Police Launch Program To Help People With Substance Abuse Issues

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (7/8, Frank) reports, "To help people struggling with substance abuse, the City of Delafield Police Department has partnered with the Addiction Resource Council in Waukesha to create Help Not Handcuffs." The program "is a chance at recovery without fear of arrest by law enforcement, according to Police Chief Erik Kehl. If someone goes to the police department seeking help, they will be connected with treatment programs and counselors. 'The Addiction Resource Council will do most of the legwork,' Kehl said. 'We are just the point of contact. If there is somebody who wants to get treatment, doesn't know how to (or) doesn't know how to get insurance to pay for it, they come to us, but we turn them over to Addiction Resource.'" Help Not Handcuffs "is based on the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) developed by the Gloucester Police Department in Massachusetts," and "is also similar to the Greenfield Police Department's Cops Assisting Addiction Recovery (CAARE), which hopes to reduce the incidence of opiate- and heroin-related deaths in the community."

New Jersey Governor Signs Law Providing Disability Pensions For 9/11 First Responders

NJ News (7/8, Marcus) reports, "New Jersey first responders who volunteered at Ground Zero after the Sept. 11 attacks are now eligible for an accidental disability pension under a bill signed into law by Gov. Phil Murphy on Monday." According to NJ News, "It was one of two 9/11-related measures Murphy signed during a ceremony attended by more than 100 police officers, firefighters and other first responders at Liberty State Park, just across the Hudson River from where the Twin Towers once stood." NJ News adds, "The second law allows first responders in the Garden State who die or suffer from an illness or disability because of their work to be covered by workers compensation."

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CRIME & DRUGS

Massive Law Enforcement Effort Leads To Steroid Busts Across Europe

The AP (7/8, Pells) reports, "A massive law-enforcement bust across Europe has resulted in the seizure of 24 tons of raw steroid powder and the closure of nine underground labs that produced performance-enhancing drugs and other illegal

substances." The AP adds, "Europol said Monday that the operation, which included 33 countries and was led by national police forces in Italy and Greece, was the largest of its kind and led to the arrest of 234 people and the dismantling of 17 organized-crime groups." The World Anti-Doping Agency "also participated in the sting, which discovered a trafficking system in which non-professional athletes used rechargeable credit cards and cryptocurrencies to buy small amounts of illegal substances, much of which was moved through gyms and unregulated online pharmacies." According to the AP, "Dealers used social media to advertise and promote their products."

Reward Offered For Information On Escaped Mississippi Prison Inmates

WREG-TV Memphis, TN (7/8) reports from Jackson, Mississippi, "Authorities are offering a $12,500 reward for information leading to the arrests of two armed and dangerous escaped inmates." WREG-TV adds, "According to the Mississippi Department of Corrections, Jonathan Blankenship and Christopher Benson High were discovered missing early Friday, July 5, from the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl." Blakenship "was serving five years for aggravated assault on a police officer and conspiracy to commit a crime out of Alcorn County," and High "was sentenced to 12 years for burglary larceny in Carroll County." According to WREG-TV, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Mississippi Crime Stoppers have contributed funds to the reward." WZDX-TV Huntsville, AL (7/8) also reports.

Sixty-Six Shot, Six Fatally, In Chicago Over Four-Day Weekend

The Chicago Tribune (7/8, Yin, Fazio, Gorner, Pratt) reports that on Monday, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson addressed the shootings of 66 people in the city over the four-day Independence Day holiday weekend, saying, "As a black man who grew up in public housing in the city of Chicago, trust me: I understand the stranglehold that gangs have over certain neighborhoods, and I understand because I lived it. ... [But] there are still no excuses or justifiable reasons for carrying illegal guns." The Chicago Sun-Times (7/8, Geng) reports that six people died in the 42 separate shooting incidents, according to Johnson.

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

NYPD Launches "Health And Wellness Task Force" Amid String Of Officer Suicides

The New York Post (7/8, Moore) reports, "The NYPD has created a mental health task force in response to a string of suicides by officers in recent months, department officials announced Monday." The Health and Wellness Task Force "was created last week after six NYPD cops committed suicide this year – including four in a three-week span, First Deputy Commissioner Ben Tucker said at a monthly crime briefing with Commissioner James O'Neill on Monday." The Post adds, "Going forward, the NYPD plans to have peer counselors in every precinct for cops to turn to for help," and the department "also plans to get training for commanding officers so they will better understand how to handle the problems their cops are having. 'Intervention is really critical to this as well. So we'll be working with clinicians who will help us with command level officers,' Tucker said Monday."

TECHNOLOGY

City Pays $460K Ransom After Hackers Seize Municipal Records

The New York Times (7/7, Robles) reports that over a century's "worth of [Lake City, Florida,] municipal records, from ordinances to meeting minutes to resolutions and City Council agendas, have been locked in cyberspace for nearly a month, hijacked by unidentified hackers who encrypted the city's computer systems and demanded more than $460,000 in ransom." Weeks after that money was paid by Lake City's insurer, "the phones are back on and email is once again working, but the city has still not recovered all of its files."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Law Enforcement Working To Protect Fans During MLB All-Star Game In Cleveland

WEWS-TV Cleveland (7/8) reports, "During the All-Star Game festivities, 100,000 people are expected to visit Cleveland," and "people from across the country and around the globe have converged on Northeast Ohio," but "plans to protect them started well before they arrived in town." According to WEWS-TV, "There are local, state and federal law enforcement officers protecting and serving during the five-day event," and "officers from neighboring cities and from other areas of the country are here to help. 'When you have a large-scale event like this, it's not just assets arrive, you have the event and then they leave. There is a large sort of underpinning of things that go on that the public typically doesn't see that allows for a safe and enjoyable event,' said Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland FBI Eric Smith."

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